

Assembly Bill No. 1585

CHAPTER 777

An act to amend Section 34176 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to community development, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1585, John A. Pérez. Community development.

(1) Existing law dissolved redevelopment agencies and community development agencies. Existing law authorizes the city, county, or city and county that authorized the creation of a redevelopment agency to retain the housing assets, functions, and powers previously performed by the redevelopment agency, excluding amounts on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. Existing law creates the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund to be used for these purposes, and provides that funds in that account shall be used in accordance with applicable housing-related provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law.

This bill would make conforming changes to clarify that specified provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law relating to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund apply for purposes of funding administrative and planning costs associated with the implementation of the provisions described above.

(2) Under existing law, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are used to finance various existing housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, housing-related parks, and transit-oriented development administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000, and additional moneys, as specified, of bond revenues to the Department of Housing and Community Development. From that amount, the bill would allocate \$25,000,000, and additional moneys, as specified, from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account for infill incentive grants, and \$25,000,000, and additional moneys, as specified, from the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Fund for transit-oriented grants and loans, thereby making an appropriation.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 34176 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

34176. (a) (1) The city, county, or city and county that authorized the creation of a redevelopment agency may elect to retain the housing assets and functions previously performed by the redevelopment agency. If a city, county, or city and county elects to retain the authority to perform housing functions previously performed by a redevelopment agency, all rights, powers, duties, obligations, and housing assets, as defined in subdivision (e), excluding any amounts on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund and enforceable obligations retained by the successor agency, shall be transferred to the city, county, or city and county.

(2) The entity assuming the housing functions of the former redevelopment agency shall submit to the Department of Finance by August 1, 2012, a list of all housing assets that contains an explanation of how the assets meet the criteria specified in subdivision (e). The Department of Finance shall prescribe the format for the submission of the list. The list shall include assets transferred between February 1, 2012, and the date upon which the list is created. The department shall have up to 30 days from the date of receipt of the list to object to any of the assets or transfers of assets identified on the list. If the Department of Finance objects to assets on the list, the entity assuming the housing functions of the former redevelopment agency may request a meet and confer process within five business days of receiving the department objection. If the transferred asset is deemed not to be a housing asset as defined in subdivision (e), it shall be returned to the successor agency and the provision of Section 34178.8 may apply. If a housing asset has been previously pledged to pay for bonded indebtedness, the successor agency shall maintain control of the asset in order to pay for the bond debt.

(b) If a city, county, or city and county does not elect to retain the responsibility for performing housing functions previously performed by a redevelopment agency, all rights, powers, assets, duties, and obligations associated with the housing activities of the agency, excluding enforceable obligations retained by the successor agency and any amounts in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, shall be transferred as follows:

(1) If there is no local housing authority in the territorial jurisdiction of the former redevelopment agency, to the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(2) If there is one local housing authority in the territorial jurisdiction of the former redevelopment agency, to that local housing authority.

(3) If there is more than one local housing authority in the territorial jurisdiction of the former redevelopment agency, to the local housing authority selected by the city, county, or city and county that authorized the creation of the redevelopment agency.

(c) Commencing on the operative date of this part, the entity that assumes the housing functions formerly performed by the redevelopment agency

and receives the transferred housing assets may enforce affordability covenants and perform related activities pursuant to applicable provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)), including, but not limited to, Section 33418.

(d) Except as specifically provided in Section 34191.4, any funds transferred to the city, county, or city and county or designated entity pursuant to this section, together with any funds generated from housing assets, as defined in subdivision (e), shall be maintained in a separate Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund which is hereby created in the accounts of the entity assuming the housing functions pursuant to this section. Funds in this account shall be used in accordance with applicable housing-related provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)).

(e) For purposes of this part, “housing asset” includes all of the following:

(1) Any real property, interest in, or restriction on the use of real property, whether improved or not, and any personal property provided in residences, including furniture and appliances, all housing-related files and loan documents, office supplies, software licenses, and mapping programs, that were acquired for low- and moderate-income housing purposes, either by purchase or through a loan, in whole or in part, with any source of funds.

(2) Any funds that are encumbered by an enforceable obligation to build or acquire low- and moderate-income housing, as defined by the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)) unless required in the bond covenants to be used for repayment purposes of the bond.

(3) Any loan or grant receivable, funded from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, from homebuyers, homeowners, nonprofit or for-profit developers, and other parties that require occupancy by persons of low or moderate income as defined by the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)).

(4) Any funds derived from rents or operation of properties acquired for low- and moderate-income housing purposes by other parties that were financed with any source of funds, including residual receipt payments from developers, conditional grant repayments, cost savings and proceeds from refinancing, and principal and interest payments from homebuyers subject to enforceable income limits.

(5) A stream of rents or other payments from housing tenants or operators of low- and moderate-income housing financed with any source of funds that are used to maintain, operate, and enforce the affordability of housing or for enforceable obligations associated with low- and moderate-income housing.

(6) (A) Repayments of loans or deferrals owed to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund pursuant to subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 34171, which shall be used consistent with the affordable housing requirements in the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000)).

(B) Loan or deferral repayments shall not be made prior to the 2013–14 fiscal year. Beginning in the 2013–14 fiscal year, the maximum repayment amount authorized each fiscal year for repayments made pursuant to this paragraph and subdivision (b) of Section 34191.4 combined shall be equal to one-half of the increase between the amount distributed to taxing entities pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (a) of Section 34183 in that fiscal year and the amount distributed to taxing entities pursuant to that paragraph in the 2012–13 base year. Loan or deferral repayments made pursuant to this paragraph shall take priority over amounts to be repaid pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 34191.4.

(f) If a development includes both low- and moderate-income housing that meets the definition of a housing asset under subdivision (e) and other types of property use, including, but not limited to, commercial use, governmental use, open space, and parks, the oversight board shall consider the overall value to the community as well as the benefit to taxing entities of keeping the entire development intact or dividing the title and control over the property between the housing successor and the successor agency or other public or private agencies. The disposition of those assets may be accomplished by a revenue-sharing arrangement as approved by the oversight board on behalf of the affected taxing entities.

(g) (1) (A) The entity assuming the housing functions pursuant to this section may designate the use of and commit indebtedness obligation proceeds that remain after the satisfaction of enforceable obligations that have been approved in a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule and that are consistent with the indebtedness obligation covenants. The proceeds shall be derived from indebtedness obligations that were issued for the purposes of affordable housing prior to January 1, 2011, and were backed by the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. Enforceable obligations may be satisfied by the creation of reserves for the projects that are the subject of the enforceable obligation that are consistent with the contractual obligations for those projects, or by expending funds to complete the projects.

(B) The entity assuming the housing functions pursuant to this section shall provide notice to the successor agency of any designations of use or commitments of funds specified in subparagraph (A) that it wishes to make at least 20 days before the deadline for submission of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule to the oversight board. Commitments and designations shall not be valid and binding on any party until they are included in an approved and valid Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule. The review of these designations and commitments by the successor agency, oversight board, and Department of Finance shall be limited to a determination that the designations and commitments are consistent with bond covenants and that there are sufficient funds available.

(2) Funds shall be used and committed in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund. Notwithstanding any other law, the successor agency shall retain and expend the excess housing obligation proceeds at the discretion of the succeeding housing entity, provided that the successor agency ensures that the proceeds

are expended in a manner consistent with the indebtedness obligation covenants and with any requirements relating to the tax status of those obligations. The amount expended shall not exceed the amount of indebtedness obligation proceeds available and such expenditure shall constitute the creation of excess housing proceeds expenditures to be paid from the excess proceeds. Excess housing proceeds expenditures shall be listed separately on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule submitted by the successor agency.

(h) Subdivisions (d) and (e) of Section 33334.3 and any other applicable sections of the Community Redevelopment Law shall apply for purposes of funding administrative and planning costs associated with the implementation of this section. For this purpose, the term “Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund” shall mean the “Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.” This section shall not be construed to provide any stream of tax increment financing.

SEC. 2. The sum of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), and the amount of moneys specified in subdivision (c), is hereby appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development as follows:

(a) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 53545 of the Health and Safety Code, for the purpose of funding infill incentive grants pursuant to Section 53545.13 of the Health and Safety Code.

(b) Twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) from the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Fund established pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 53545 of the Health and Safety Code, for the purpose of funding transit-oriented grants and loans pursuant to Part 13 (commencing with Section 53560) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.

(c) (1) Any moneys allocated and appropriated pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 53545 of the Health and Safety Code that become disencumbered and redeposited in the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account during the 2012–13 and 2013–14 fiscal years, for the purpose of funding infill incentive grants pursuant to Section 53545.13 of the Health and Safety Code.

(2) Any moneys allocated and appropriated pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 53545 of the Health and Safety Code that become disencumbered and redeposited in the Transit-Oriented Development Account during the 2012–13 fiscal year, for the purpose of funding transit-oriented grants and loans pursuant to Part 13 (commencing with Section 53560) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.